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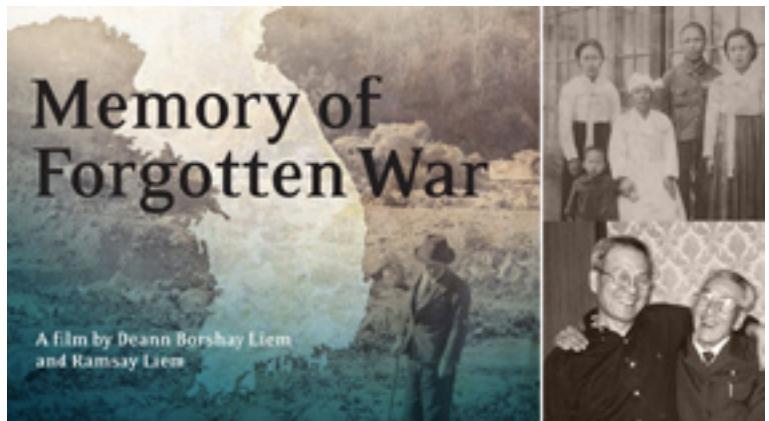
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Perspectives on the Conflict in Korea

Wednesday, January 10, 7:30–9:30 PM, Sanctuary

- Film screening
- Panel discussion
- Question & Answer

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church (SVPC) has partnered with the **Korea Policy Institute** (an independent research and educational group dedicated to providing timely analysis of U.S. policy toward Korea) to host an evening of education and conversation about the history and present circumstances that help define the reality of conflict on the Korean peninsula. The members of the SVPC community are committed to working for peace and reconciliation in the world, as an expression of our Christian faithfulness. Part of working for peace is



to understand and address underlying concerns that lead to conflict. The Korea Policy Institute (KPI) is also dedicated to achieving peace and reconciliation in Korea, and believes that ignorance or lack of access to good information often prevent U.S. policymakers and the public from doing the best they can to advocate for peace.

SVPC and KPI are joining together to invite

people from all parts of the South Bay community to come together for an evening of hearing stories about the impact of the Korean conflict, and to hear the perspectives of individuals who are active in working for peace in Korea. We will be viewing the powerful documentary *Memory of Forgotten War*. We will be hearing

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from KPI leaders **Dr. Christine Hong** and **Mr. Paul Liem**, and from Presbyterian Mission Co-Workers **Rev. Hyeyoung Lee** and **Rev. Kurt Esslinger**, as they together lead us in a panel discussion. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions of our experts.

For more information, visit
www.svpc.us/MemoryOfForgottenWar



Newsletter Deadlines

The newsletter deadline is Monday, January 8 for the February edition. Articles may be up to 120 words in length. Send your article to newsletter@svpc.us, and, if possible, include a photo with your article.



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Consider joining the hundreds of individuals and families that now receive their newsletter electronically. The online edition arrives sooner, contains the same articles plus vivid full-color photos and live links, and can be easily shared with family and friends, all while helping reduce our carbon footprint! *Opt-in* by sending an e-mail to newsletter@svpc.us with your request.

The View From Here

by Rev. Hardy H. Kim

Happy New Year!

It was wonderful to celebrate the beginning of the church year with you all—to wait and hope with you during Advent, and then to experience the joy of Christmas. As we enter into this new calendar year, I am eager to continue the journey and to follow as Christ's light leads us all to greater wholeness and justice.

As we move through these final days of Christmas and approach the feasts of Epiphany (January 7), I hope that you are finding time and rest from all the holiday business, so that you can consider what receiving Christ's birth into this chapter of your life might mean. My own reflections have been filled with questions about what our Christmas encounter with God's humanity in Jesus might mean for our relationships with the spirit of God we encounter in one another. How can we keep

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and honor the joy of divine meeting that we experience at Christmastime? What are the paths that will lead us to see God in a human face, the way the magi greeted Jesus so long ago?

I hope that you will join us for a conversation on January 10, as we seek to learn from stories and studies that emerge from histories of conflict in Korea (details in the cover article). There will be a wonderful documentary film and then the chance to learn from experts, including

PC(USA) mission co-workers **Kurt Esslinger** and **Hyeyoung Lee**. I believe these conversations really matter because, in trying to make peace, we affirm the humanity of those we might otherwise condemn as enemies and we look for the face of Christ in them.

Your friend on this Christmas path,

Hardy

January Calendar

A quick look at what's happening at SVPC this month...

January

1 Church office closed—New Year's Day
3 Parent Support Group Coffee, 9:30–11 AM, Room 750
Just Among Moms (JAM), 9:30–11:30 AM, Room 702
7 Food drive for those in our community served by Sunnyvale Community Services
Life in Community: Building Healthy Relationships Discipleship, week #1, 11:30 AM, Soulé Hall
Youth Winter Party, 6:15–8 PM, Phoenix Center Gym
8 Deadline for February newsletter articles
10 *Memory of Forgotten War* Film Screening & Discussion, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
11 Spice Dinner, 6 PM, The Pasta Market in Sunnyvale
14 Moment with Children, 10 AM & 5 PM
Life in Community: Building Healthy Relationships Discipleship, week #2, 11:30 AM, Soulé Hall
15 Church office closed—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
16 Session meets
17 Just Among Moms (JAM), 9:30–11:30 AM, Room 702
Safe Church Training, 11:30 AM, Fireside Room
Life in Community: Building Healthy Relationships Discipleship, week #3, 11:30 AM, Soulé Hall
21 Stewardship Class for 1st–6th Grade, 10 AM and 5:15 PM
Life in Community: Building Healthy Relationships Discipleship, week #4, 11:30 AM, Soulé Hall

Where is that?

Coleman Room (Bldg 700)
Fellowship Hall (Bldg 300)
Fireside Room (Bldg 200)
Gym, Phoenix Center (Bldg 700)
Sanctuary (Bldg 100)
Soulé Hall (Room 501, Bldg 500)
Youth Room, Phoenix Center (Bldg 700)

February

2–4 Men's Retreat, Redwood Glen, Loma Mar
4 Life in Community: Building Healthy Relationships Discipleship, week #5, 11:30 AM, Soulé Hall
14 Ash Wednesday

March

9–11 Women's Retreat, Vallombrosa Center, Menlo Park



Youth Ministry

See the CLUE/FLASH winter calendar at www.svpc.us/youth

Youth Winter Party, January 7 (CLUE + FLASH)

Text: PAINTWINTERPARTY18 to 51400.
Donations accepted to offset dinner costs.

CLUE—High School Events

Small Groups

Mondays, 7–8:45 PM
Contact youth@svpc.us for locations

CLUE High School

Wednesdays, 7–8:45 PM, Phoenix Center

Want the latest information about CLUE?

Text: CLUE to 51400
Follow Instagram: @cluesvpc #cluesvpc

Parents—Stay current on CLUE events/trips

Monthly email: Send an email to youth@svpc.us
Text: CLUE HSPARENT to 51400

FLASH—Middle School Events

Hume Winter Camp, February 2–4, 2018

Text: FLASH HUME to 51400 to sign up

Small Groups

Mondays, 7–8:45 PM
Contact youth@svpc.us for locations

FLASH Middle School

Wednesdays, 6–7:45 PM, Phoenix Center

Want the latest information about FLASH?

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Parents—Stay current on FLASH events/trips

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Text: FLASH JHPARENT to 51400

E-mail—info@svpc.us

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Rooted in Christ...

Sunnyvale Presbyterian offers everyone an opportunity to connect with the church community.

Life in Community: Building Healthy Relationships

January 7–February 4, 11:30 AM–12:30 PM,

Soulé Hall

Taught by Val Weirauch



This five-week journey will explore what it is to be a Christian in community. As we live out our daily lives interacting with individuals we meet just “in passing” to those we consider close companions and all the others in between, how is it that our faith influences our interactions? Since we are created to be in community, how do we do that well? Through lecture and group discussions this class will allow us to explore and experience some practical ways we can turn our faith into actions that impact our relationships and help us each become more of who God created us to be.

Register for this class (and sign up for child care) on Signup Genius—bit.ly/LifeInComm
For more information—www.svpc.us/discipleship



Stewardship Class for 1st–6th Graders

Sunday, January 28,
10–11 AM or 5:15–6 PM

In lieu of Church School on January 28, we will be having a Stewardship class for all 1st through 6th graders. During this class students will broaden their understanding of stewardship through skits, games and experiential learning as well as discover what the Bible says about stewardship, and why it is an important part of our faith. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact **Carol Heath**, Director of Family Ministries at carol@svpc.us.

Worship Focus

Catch some calm in the middle of your week with the weekly Worship Focus email. This email includes a greeting from the preaching pastor, the sermon scripture and some questions for reflection. Begin to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's worship. Opt-in by sending an e-mail to info@svpc.us with your request.



Men's Retreat

February 2–4, 2018, Redwood Glen, Loma Mar

Join us in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains for some time away. We will be led by the **Rev. Terry Dwyer**, who serves as a hospital chaplain for Kaiser Permanente. Sign up for the retreat online (or in Trinity Court on Sundays). The retreat is a chance to bond with one another as we renew our faith and seek our Lord together. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact **Scotty VanSickle** or **Bob Stoddard** at mens_retreat@svpc.us.

Visit www.svpc.us/mens_retreat to sign-up online.

Interested in Connecting with other young adults at SVPC?

For news and events, contact

Sarah Hawthorne at YoungAdultsSVPC@gmail.com.



Women's Retreat

March 9–11, 2018, Vallombrosa Center, Menlo Park

Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship and spiritual growth. Afternoon free time activities give us the chance to pull away from the stresses of everyday life and connect/reconnect with other women of the church. This year's retreat will be at a new location—the beautiful Vallombrosa Center, a short drive away in Menlo Park.

This year's speaker, **Michelle Vecchcio-Lyzenga** is Director for Community Life at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley. Michelle is a lifelong Presbyterian and longtime lay leader in diverse, urban congregations; she is passionate about fostering Christian community.

For questions contact **Kris Sheridan** or **Jen Britton** at womens_retreat@svpc.us.

Register now through **February 23** at www.svpc.us/womens_retreat

Reaching Out In Love.

Christ commands us to love one another as He loves us. Here's how.

Financial Update through November

\$1,180K	Income
-\$1,215K	Expenses
\$ -35K	Deficit

Both contributions and expenses continue to be right in line with the budget resulting in a \$35K deficit. Keeping your giving current and making additional gifts enable our church to be financially healthy. We continue to be grateful for your stewardship to this church community. Thank you!

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OUR GIFTS

Giving in 2018

We thank those who are generously giving in 2017 and for those who have already made a 2018 commitment. So far during this stewardship campaign, the commitments for 2018 are coming in at the same rate as last year—both in dollars and in numbers. However in order to meet next year's budget which includes a new associate pastor at the end of the year, an expanded marketing effort, and reserves for both facility upkeep and solar investment, we need to increase our budget by \$300K which is equal to 15% of our budget.

We do need to hear from ALL of you. Letting us know your plan of giving allows us to plan well for next year's ministry. You can find a commitment card in the church office or online. Thank you.

 www.svpc.us/give



A Note from The Music School Director

Chantelle Urbina

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve as Director of The Music School. I have been invested in The Music School for over 25 years, and am blessed to have been able to work so closely with founder **Doris Harry** for such a long time. My philosophy as a music educator is deeply influenced and enriched by what I have learned from Doris, and I am committed to continuing her legacy at The Music School.

Music has been a major part of my life since I was a child. I specialized in Music Education, Vocal Concentration at University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music. It is there I met my husband **Anthony** who is also a musician and teacher. Teaching children and working with talented



THE MUSIC SCHOOL

musicians is my passion, and I have been fortunate to have been able to work with students of all age groups. In addition to teaching at The Music School, I have worked extensively with **Jill Denny** and the Mountain View High School choirs, and I currently serve as Business Manager for the Santa Clara Chorale.

I intend to carry on the quality programs and traditions we have at The Music School, and I look forward to trying new things, including a variety of specialized workshops for both kids and adults. Keep your eye on our website to see what we'll be offering in the coming year. I am committed to outreach and I think there is no better way to bring people in than with music.

Many, many thanks to The Music School faculty and families, PELC staff, and Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church staff and administration for such wonderful support in this transition. What an amazing community we have! 

 themusicschool.org

Parents—Ready for a Date Night?

Parent's Night Out (PNO) is a Christian cooperative child care program at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. PNO is administered and staffed by participating couples, and overseen by the Director of Family Ministries. The program runs on a 16-week trimester basis. Families are expected to commit to the entire trimester. PNO currently meets Saturdays from 5:30–8:30 PM.

During the three-hour program, children enjoy age-appropriate activities, a snack, and a movie. Two couples provide supervision each week. Couples work on a rotating, regularly scheduled basis. When it is not your turn to supervise children, you are free to go out and spend time together as a couple. Families of all types and sizes are welcome. Children at least 6 months old are welcome to participate.

Currently we have an opening for our next trimester which begins in March. If you would like more information about PNO and/or would like to be added to our waiting list, please contact **Michelle Schmidt** at dancingschmidt@gmail.com or **Lydia Coolidge** at lydiacoolidge@gmail.com. 



Children's Ministry Weekly Newsletter

The weekly Children's Ministry email newsletter is the best way to stay current with SVPC's children's events. Opt-in to this newsletter (or any other church newsletters) from the website, www.svpc.us; sign up by selecting JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST at the top of any page.

Children's Ministry:
www.facebook.com/SVPCMWC
JAM:
www.facebook.com/groups/JAMSunnyvale

Parent Support Group Coffee 1st Wednesday of the month, 9:30–11 AM, Room 750

The Special Needs Ministry at Sunnyvale Presbyterian welcomes you to be a part of this informal social support group. Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month and child care is available for a small donation. For more information, please contact Inclusion Coordinator, **Donna Dillard**, at donna@svpc.us.



Spice Dinner Thursday, January 11, 6 PM, The Pasta Market, Sunnyvale

SVPC's 50s+ Singles Group, Spice, will enjoy a no-host dinner. Join us and enjoy a pleasant meal with the group. This is a wonderful way to make new friends and enjoy an evening out. For more information please contact **Melanie Prolo** at 408-394-9311 or melanieprolo@gmail.com.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

Hospitalized: Sally Morefield; Nancy Norris

For recovery: Akio Hosoda

Continuing Prayers: Jim Traina

Surgery: Kathleen Newby

For the loss of loved ones: Lisa Gudan's grandfather (Hamilton Chin); Samuel Tewari's cousin (Meenu Tewari)

Thank You

I offer my deepest gratitude to all who supported our family and me with cards, prayers and words of encouragement during this most difficult time. You all meant so much to **Jeannie**, and I know you will miss her beautiful smile and the outpouring of love she had for everyone. Thank you for being such dear friends. —**Jack Cole**

Thank You

Dear Sunnyvale Church Members and Staff,

My family and I were comforted and drew strength from the prayers that surrounded us through my father's extended illness and death. Thank you for your kindness and love. My father treasured the beautiful lap robe lovingly given by the church. My mother wears her prayer shawl daily and feels the peace that was prayed into every stitch. We are so appreciative of our church family.

With a grateful heart,
Bethann Merriam 





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Just Among Moms (JAM)

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 9:30–11:30 AM, Room 702

JAM* is a place for moms to join together in a space to be real and honest about the joys and challenges of life. We meet together for a hot brunch, relevant topics presented by speakers or other format, and an occasional craft or community outreach project—with an intention to have time to focus on YOU! If your children are not in school during this time, we offer child care (for a small fee) by Safe Church-trained staff for the duration of the meeting.

For more information please visit the church website at www.svpc.us/jam or email  jam@svpc.us.



**Please note this is a group for moms of ALL ages with kids of ALL ages, not only moms with young kids.*